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OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Moderator,

SAMUEL PALMER.

Town Clerk,

ENOCH J. TILTON.

Representative,

EMERY BATCHELDER.

Selectmen,

CHARLES T. BROWN,

EMMONS B. TOWLE,

WARREN BROWN.

Superintending School Committee.

*EMMONS B. TOWLE.

Auditors.

JOHN BATCHELDER,

JOHN F. SHEPARD,

JAMES H. SANBORN.

Collector.

*JOHN C. AKERMAN.

*Appointed by Selectmen.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT CURRENT FROM MARCH 1ST, 1868, TO MAROH 1ST, 1869, WITH THE TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS.

Dr.

To balance brought forward from last year,	$217	19
cash from State Treas., for R. R. Tax,	523	39
" " Savings Bank Tax,	50	23
" " Literary Fund,	17	10
" County Treas, allowance for County Paupers,	32	00
" J. H. Gove, on Note,	100	00
" Collector Akerman,	5615	85
	$6555	76

Cr.

By cash paid for State Tax,	$1887	50
" " County Tax,	809	25
" " Support of Schools (A),	772	08
" " School House Tax Dist No. 2(B),	150	00
" " Support of the Poor, (C),	328	30
" " Roads and Bridges (D),	35	77
" " Notes, Bonds and Interest (E),	1639	25
" " Incidental (F),	213	99
" " Abatement and Non Resident Highway Tax paid in labor(G),	83	52
" " Balance in favor of Town,	636	10
	$6555	76

[A.]

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid George S. Merrill for 1st District,	$307 36
" John C. Sanborn for 2d "	232 36
" Ezra C. Fogg for 3d "	232 36
	$772 08

[B.]

Paid John C. Sanborn, School House Tax in District No. 2.	$150 00

[C]

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid Charles Chase house rent for Isaiah Page one year ending March 1st, 1869,	$20 00
" E. J. Tilton for goods delivered to Isaiah Page,	102 00
" E. J. Tilton cash delivered to Isaiah Page,	25 50
" David McWhister wood for Isaiah Page,	39 00
" G. W. Lane under shirts for Isaiah Page,	1 80
" John Lewis beef for Isaiah Page,	3 00
" Ferdinand L. Blake balance for boarding Mrs. Mary Chase for the year ending March 18, 1868,	75 00
" Charles A. Nason boarding and clothing Mary E. Prescott one year ending April 12, 1869,	35 00
" For transient paupers,	27 00
	$328 30

[D.]

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Edwin Prescott for reparing bridges in Dist. No. 11,	$3 00
" Warren Brown for repairing bridges in Dist. No. 4,	7 25
" T. S. Sanborn for 30 loads gravel,	3 00

Paid Charles A. Nason for getting out rocks and grading road,	12 00
" Joseph Pevear for breaking snow paths in Dist. No. 9,	2 82
" Daniel E. Pevear for breaking snow paths in Dist. No. 9,	6 95
" John L. Perkins repairing highway in Dist. No. 5,	75
	$35 77

[E.]

NOTES BONDS AND INTEREST.

Paid Town Bond, No. 6, to John H. Gove,	$500 00
" " No. 9, to John L. Lamprey,	400 00
" John H. Gove's note of August 5, 1868,	100 00
" " " interest on same note,	1 25
" Interest on note payable to J. T. Brown, dated March 19, 1866,	30 00
" Interest on note payable to J. H. Gove, dated May 4, 1867,	30 00
" Interest on note payable to J. Wilson, dated Jan. 19, 1865,	36 00
" Interest on note payable to J. H. Gove, dated March 1, 1865,	60 00
" Interest on note payable to J. H. Gove, dated March 2, 1866,	39 00
" Interest on note payable to J. H. Gove, dated Feb. 29, 1868,	60 00
" Interest on note payable to J. H. Gove, dated Feb. 29, 1868.	48 00
Coupons,	335 00
	$1639 25

[F.]

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid C. T. Brown, expenses of Auditor Feb. 26, 1868,	$3 00

Paid A. J. Hoyt printing Town accounts for year ending March 1, 1868,	23	00
" E. B. Towle, services as Superintending School Committee,	15	00
" Geo. E. Lane for general statutes and blank books,	8	20
" Jacob B. Brown for damages to carriage in the road near John T. Batchelder's pond dam,	5	00
" E. J. Tilton for services as Town Clerk,	16	00
" " " postage, stationery and express,	2	54
" John W. Dodge surveying new road near J. T. Batchelder's,	2	00
" Charles H. Sanborn recording and returning births and deaths,	14	75
" N. H. Robie for use of Christian Chapel,	25	00
" C. T. Brown for services at post mortem examination of E. P. McQuillan,	5	00
" For blanks, stamps, postage and stationery for use of Selectmen,	3	00
" Charles T. Brown for services as Selectman,	50	00
" Warren Brown for services as Selectman,	18	50
" Emmons B. Towle for services as Selectman,	20	00
" C. T. Brown, paying State Tax,	3	00
	$213	99

[G.]

ABATEMENTS.

Abated Michael Butler's poll tax 1867,	$4	10
Estate of R. Dodge over taxed 1867,	25	65
Charles L. Hardy's poll tax 1867,	4	10
Oliver Eaton's " "	4	10
Adna S. Chase's " "	4	10
Joshua Janvrin for money doomed and sworn off tax of 1867,	8	55
Jefferson Janvrin, horse 1868,		80

Abated J. C. Blodgett made over tax 1868,		48
J. W. Dodge, land over taxed	"	3 24
Estate of G. H. Dodge, dog tax,	"	2 00
Lewis F. Prescott	" "	1 00
Heirs of Levi Brown	" "	1 00
Non-resident highway tax, paid in labor,		24 40
		$83 52

CHARLES T. BROWN,
EMMONS B. TOWLE,
WARREN BROWN,
Selectmen of Hampton Falls.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the year ending March 1st, 1869, and find them well vouched, correctly cast, and a balance in favor of the town, of Six Hundred and Thirty-six Dollars and Ten cents.

JOHN BATCHELDER, *Auditor.*

HAMPTON FALLS, February 22, 1869.

AMOUNT OF TOWN DEBT, MARCH 1, 1869.

Date of Issue.	No.	To whom Payable	Amount.	Rate of Int.	When Due.	To what date Interest is paid.
		BONDS.				
	7	J. H. Gove,	$300 00	5	1870	Mar. 1, 1869.
	13	D. Perkins,	500 00	5	1874	Sept. 1, 1868.
	14	D. Perkins,	500 00	5	1874	Sept. 1, 1868.
	20	J. N. Healey,	500 00	5	1877	Sept. 1, 1867.
	21	J. N. Healey,	500 00	5	1878	Sept. 1, 1867.
	22	J. H. Gove,	500 00	5	1879	Mar. 1, 1869.
	26	J. H. Gove,	200 00	5	1881	Mar. 1, 1869.
Aug. 1, 1864,	1	S. Dearborn,	1000 00	6	1869	Aug. 1, 1868.
Aug. 1, 1864,	2	S. Dearborn,	1000 00	6	1869	Aug. 1, 1868.
Aug. 1, 1864,	3	S. Dearborn.	500 00	6	1869	Aug. 1, 1868.
		NOTES,				
July 23, 1864,		Newell Lock,	400 00	6		
Sept. 5, 1864,		Lorana Brown,	400 00	6		$10.00 paid Oct. 31, 1867
Nov. 8, 1864,		M. A. Dow,	100 00	6		
Jan. 19, 1865,		J. Wilson,	600 00	6		Jan. 19, 1869.
Mar. 1, 1865,		J. H. Gove,	1000 00	6		Mar. 1, 1869.
Mar, 2, 1866,		J. H. Gove,	650 00	6		Mar. 2, 1869.
Mar. 19, 1866,		J. T. Brown,	500 00	6		Mar. 19, 1868.
Dec. 22, 1866,		L. Jenness,	215 61	6		
May 4, 1867,		J. H. Gove,	500 00	6		May 4, 1868.
Feb. 28, 1868,		J. H. Gove,	1000 00	6		Feb. 28, 1869.
Feb. 28, 1868,		J. H. Gove,	800 00	6		Feb. 28, 1869.
		Unpaid interest to Mar. 1, 1869.	11665 61 532 50			
		Less by cash on hand,	12197 11 636 10			
		Total Debt,	11561 01			
		Total Debt last year,	12774 80			
		Debt reduced present year,	1213 81			

Estimated amount of money needed for the Town Expenses the ensuing year.

For support of the poor and incidental charges,	$500 00
Interest on Town debt,	700 00
For Schools, the amount required by law is	542 50
County tax,	774 22
State tax,	1302 00
	$3818 72

There are also bonds to the amount of $2800 00, that will become due, and will have to be provided for the present year.

C. T. BROWN,
E. B. TOWLE,
W. BROWN,
Selectmen of Hampton Falls.

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

At the close of the municipal year agreeable to law we submit the following report of the schools in Hampton Falls:

A good degree of success has attended our schools the past year. The teachers have shown themselves worthy of the task assigned them, and it is with pleasure your committee has noticed the interest many of the parents have manifested in the success and progress of the schools. This is commendable and shows that the purposes of schooling are beginning to be more fully appreciated.

There is yet much to be done by parents to make our schools what they should be. The most important drawback to the progress of some of our schools is the almost unprecedented number of absences and tardiness, an evil under our present school system that no teacher or committee can obviate. Let parents be more particular in this respect by sending their children more regularly and punctually to school.

A general change of text books has been made in many of the schools in our State the past year. I have not recommended any change to be made unless by the consent of parents and teachers. I submit the question of a change in text books to you, stating why there should be a change made. There should be a change in reading books in district number two; those now in use are far behind the present standard of books, and they have been read over so much, they have but little interest to the scholars.

I would also recommend a change in text books in advance classes in arithmetic in all our schools, some modern publication like Appleton's Mathematical Arithmetic by Quackenbos, (which now can be purchased very cheap in exchange for old books now in use.) I have examined it and should say it is the book for the times, and is adapt-

ed to the present state of things. And would quote from the language of the author:

The last seven years have been years of financial changes; specie payments have been suspended, prices have doubled, the tariff has been altered, a national tax levied &c. No Arithmetic that ignores these changes should be put in the hands of youth. Our examples are adapted to the present, the difference between gold and currency is recognized and taught; the mode of competing the national income tax is explained; a full description is given of the different classes of United States Securities, with examples to show the results of investments in them &c.

It is hoped that these with other features of the book that it will on examination be adopted in our schools.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Geo. S. Merrill.

The first term of this school was taught by Miss Ellen P. Batchelder a resident of the district. This was Miss Batchelder's first school. Your committee visited it twice during the term and found it well organized, and the deportment of the school was good; but for a sudden illness Miss Batchelder was obliged to relinquish the charge of the school, much to the regret of parents and scholars.

The second and third terms of this school were under the instruction of Miss Sarah G. Batchelder, who was also a resident of the district, and a graduate of the Putnam free school. This was Miss Batchelder's first attempt at teaching. The summer term of this school was characterized by good order and the scholars were quite regular in their attendance and the progress of the school was good. The winter term was much interrupted by irregular and non-attendance of the scholars; those that were regular and punctual in their attendance made very good progress.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, Mr. John C. Sanborn.

This school during the whole year was under the instruction of Miss Clara M. Pike a resident of the district. This was Miss Pike's second year of teaching in this district, and she sustained her reputation as a thorough and successful teacher. The scholars in this school are very regular and punctual in their attendance, and they manifest an interest in the school that is rarely found in a country school. The exercises at the close of the school were very instructive and entertaining.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Ezra C. Fogg.

The summer and winter terms in this district were under the instruction of Miss Hellen B. Tilton, a resident of this town. This was Miss Tilton's second year of teaching in this school, and she fully sustained her reputation as a successful teacher. The progress of some of the scholars was very marked, and the school appeared well during the terms. Whenever your committee has been present the scholars have evinced a respect for the teacher and given her but little trouble by disobedience and improper conduct.

I would commend the example of the scholars who were not absent a single half day during a term:

District No. 1. Mary L. Batchelder, Hellen W. Batchelder, Susie B. Chase, David F. Batchelder.

District No. 2. Herbert C. Brown, Louis H. Shepard, Sarah L. Shepard, Abbie E. Shepard, Ellen P. Cram, Alice M. Brown, Mary J. Greene, Orrin D. Greene.

District No. 3. Mary Nason, Martha E. Nason.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	District 1.			District 2.		District 3.		
	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.
No. of weeks of school,	12½	11	9	14	13	14	8	10
Whole number of scholars,	49	40	29	19	23	34	31	31
Whole number of scholars in town, 106								
Average attendance,	32	29	23	18	20	25	23	25
No. visits by Sup. Committee,	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	2
No. of visits by Prud. Committee,		1			1	2		1
No. of visits by citizens and others,	19	21	19	17	23	18	25	3
No of instances of tardiness,	130	91	57	50	76	31	47	72
Wages of teachers per month, including board,	$28.	$28.	$28	$25.	$30.	$25.	$25.	$30

EMMONS B. TOWLE, Sup. School Committee.

Hampton Falls, Feb. 19, 1869.